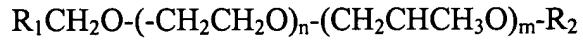


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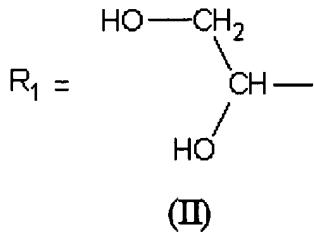
1. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates obtained from the reaction of:

- (i) a polyisocyanate;
- (ii) a thermally de-blockable $-N=C=O$ blocking agent; and
- (iii) a non-ionic alkoxylated diol having a general formula I:

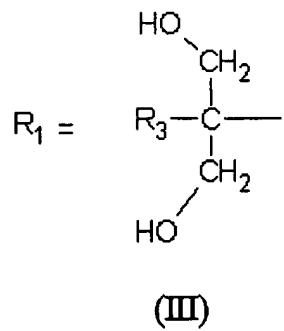


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wherein:



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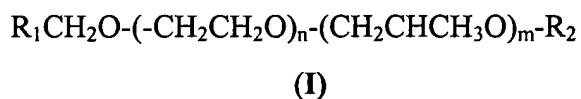
and R^2 and R_3 are equal the same or different and are chosen among selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, and i-butyl;
 n is a number from 0-40;

m is a number from 0-40; and

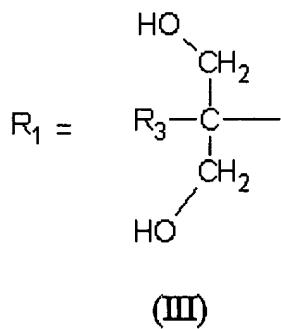
n+m is a number from 20 to 80.

2. (original) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1., wherein n + m is a number from 20 to 40.

3. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersion of non-ionic -N-C-O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1. ~~or 2.~~, wherein the non-ionic alkoxylated diol (iii) has the general formula I:



wherein:



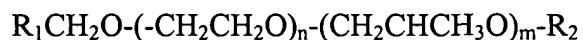
and R₂ is methyl, R₃ is ethyl, n is a number from 15 to 30 and m is a number from 0 to 10.

4. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1., wherein the polyisocyanate (i) is ~~the~~ an isocyanurate obtained from 1,6-hexamethylenediisocyanate and ~~the~~ a reaction product of trimethylol propane and toluenediisocyanate (~~its 10 isomers 2,4 and 2,6 being in a weight ratio of 80:20~~).

5. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1., wherein the blocking agent (ii) is 3,5-dimethylpyrazole.

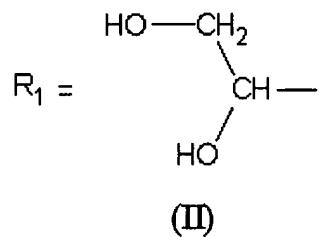
6. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates comprising the following steps:

a. a polyisocyanate (i) and a non-ionic alkoxylated diol (iii) of the general formula:

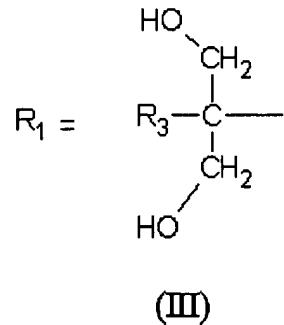


formula (I)

wherein



or



and R^2 and R_3 are equal the same or different and are chosen among selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, and i-butyl;

n is a number from 0-40;

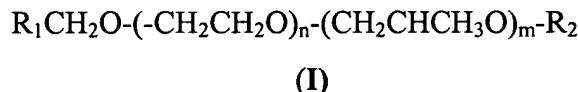
n is a number from 0-40; and

$n+m$ is a number from 20 to 80,

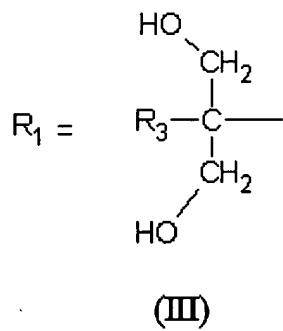
are reacted at a temperature of 30°-120°C, their equivalent ratio being such that the percentage of free isocyanate groups in the resulting oligomer is from 3 to 10 and the percentage in weight of ethoxy groups is from 10 to 40%;

- b. the thus obtained oligomer is reacted with an amount of a blocking agent (ii) such that the equivalent ratio of the isocyanate groups of the oligomer and the blocking agent(ii) if from 1:0.98 to 1:1.30; and
- c. the thus obtained mixture is dispersed into water under vigorous stirring to obtain a dispersion having a solid content of from 20 to 40% by weight.

7. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6., wherein the non-ionic alkoxylated diols (iii) have the general formula I:



wherein:



and R₂ is methyl, R₃ is ethyl, n is a number from 15 to 30 and m is a number from 0 to 10.

8. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6., ~~or 7.~~, wherein the polyisocyanate (i) is ~~the~~ an isocyanurate obtained from 1,6-hexamethylenediisocyanate and ~~the~~ a reaction product of trimethylol propane and toluenediisocyanate (~~its 10 isomers 2, 4 and 2,6 being in a weight ratio of 80:20~~).

9. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6., ~~or 7., or 8.,~~ wherein the step b. is preceded by dilution of the reaction mixture obtained in a. with from 0.10 to 0.50 parts by weight of a water mixable polar solvent.

10. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 9., wherein the water mixable polar solvent is ~~chosen among~~ selected from the group consisting of methyl ethyl ketone, acetone, and cyclohexanone.

11. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. to 10., wherein in step a. the equivalent ratio of polyisocyanate (i) and alkoxylated diol (iii) is such that the percentage in weight of the ethoxyl groups is from 20 to 30%.

12. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. to 11., wherein the blocking agent (ii) is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of butanone oxime and 3,5-dimethylpyrazole.

13. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. to 12., wherein the amount of blocking agent (ii) is such that the equivalent ratio of the isocyanate groups of the oligomer and the blocking agent (ii) is from 1:1 to 1:1.2.

14. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. to 13., wherein in step c. the mixture is dispersed into water under vigorous stirring to obtain a dispersion having a solid content of from 25 to 35% by weight.

15. (currently amended) Procedure for the oil- and/or water-repellent finishing of textiles, characterized by the fact that, as a finishing agent, an aqueous composition is used, said aqueous composition comprising at least an organic perfluorinated polymeric compounds and from 0.1 to 10% by weight, ~~on~~ of the total weight of the composition, of an aqueous dispersion of a non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to any of claims from 1. to 5. claim 1., the weight ratio between the solid fraction of the aqueous dispersion and the perfluorinated polymeric organic compounds being comprised from between 1:1 and 1:15.

16. (currently amended) ~~A~~ Textile printing pastes characterized by the fact that they contain comprising from 0.3 to 5% by weight of an aqueous dispersion according to any of claims from 1. to 5 of claim 1.

17. (currently amended) ~~The~~ Textile printing pastes characterized by the fact that they contain ~~from 1 to 3.5% by weight~~ of an aqueous dispersion according to any of claims from 1. to 5 textile printing paste of claim 16., wherein the aqueous dispersion of claim 1. is present at a concentration of from 1 to 3.5%.

18 (new) Aqueous dispersion according to claim 4., wherein the toluenediisocyanate is composed of 2,4 and 2,6 isomers being in a weight ratio of 80:20.

19. (new) Process fro the preparation of aqueous dispersion according to claim 8., wherein the toluenediisocyanate is composed of 2,4 and 2,6 isomers being in a weight ratio of 80:20.